US ERA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

1. Incident Name		2. Date Prepared		3. Time Prepared	UNIT LOG ICS 214	
Kalamazoo River/Enbridge Spill		05/17/2012		1910		
4. Unit Name/Designators		5. Unit Le	5. Unit Leader		6. Operational Period :	
Operations Unit/Submerged Oil Task Force #2		Name:		one & Joe START/US EPA)	From: 05/17/2012 0700	
		Position:	Operations Section Chief/Deputy		То:	05/17/2012 1900
		7. Personne	el Roster A	ssigned		
<u>Name</u>		ICS Position			DUTY CELL	
Dan Capone		Operations	Section Cl	nief		
Joe Victory		Operations		eputy	-	
Dan Zahner		Field Team	Lead		-	
Jonathan Roubik		SOTF2				
		8. A	ctivity Log	3		
					LAT	LAT
Activity Area	4.30S				Various	Various
					(DD.MMMM)	(DD.MMMM)
OIL OBSERVED	EXTENT OF OIL IMPACTED AREA					
Total Collection	DENSITY OF OIL /SHEE	LIN				
Points	N/A					
Total Boom	N/A					
Deployed	Weston/START Submerged Oil Branch Task Force Group (SOTF) Team Activity:					
Activity	SOTF#2 Jonathan Roubik (START), Team Lead Eric Oleson, and Leica operator Eric Celebreeze performed (or attempted) poling at 20 locations in focus area 4.30S. No location produced an overall submerged oil category of neither moderate nor heavy sheen concentration. 9 locations produced an overall submerged oil category of light sheen concentration, and 1 location had no oil sheen or globs observed during poling. 10 locations were no longer submerged and data was not collected as poling in these locations was unable to be completed. Several locations were below the 60 degree F temperature requirement during the first temperature reading. These areas were skipped over and returned to later in the day after water temperature had increased. All data was collected following a temperate reading that passed the temperature requirements. Sediment temperatures ranged from 56.2 to 71.1 degrees F, above sediment temperatures ranged from 65.3 to 79.4 degrees F, and surface water temperatures ranged from 65.4 to 79.7 degrees F. Today's Strike Team operation was the first to utilize Argo Amphibious vehicles as means to access poling locations. This method proved more effective in some areas more than other based on river-bed material. The tracks of the equipment would lose traction and begin to spin in extremely shallow and soft areas creating significant turbidity. The team lead questioned the accuracy of results if poling were to occur in areas where sediment had been significantly disturbed and created high levels of					

Comments

	complete poling at the location in question. This area along with several more (4.30S-B-90, 4.30S-B-91, 4.30S-B-97 and 4.30S-B-103) were then offset ~25 north (away from bank) from original locations and into deeper water. The Argos proved to be an effective means of access in areas where the sediment was more firm and in areas where the flow rate was greater. After the team had reached the location, the team would wait momentarily until the river flow washed the turbid water downstream before poling data was collected. While accessing poling locations at the downstream end of Strike area, moderate sheen and few globules were observed by START and MQED personnel that had been created by the stirring of sediment by the Argo tracks. This occurred adjacent to MP 4.5 marker, ~100' north of the south bank.
Health and Safety Issues	Team was unclear on PPE requirements during Argo operation. A number of open-face ATV-style and full-face motor-cross style helmets were provided, however there was not enough for the entire team aboard each of the Argos. All team members however wore either the helmets as described above or hardhats at all times during operation. Poling proved to be difficult as done from the Argos as there is very little solid platform without interference from the roll-cage. Poling was at times completed while standing on Argo tracks, or spread-eagle with one foot each standing on adjacent Argos. Suggestion for safer operation included use of trailer-hitch luggage rack (or similar) to create a standing platform behind the equipment.